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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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To the Commissioner:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated July 3, 2008 and the Advisory Office Action dated September 26, 2008, for one month from October 3, 2008, to November 3, 2008. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

The petition fee (\$130) is being paid electronically by credit card. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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